Colchester Public Schools

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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: CURRICULUM UPDATE

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CURRICULUM PHASE: DEVELOPMENT

The following curricula are currently being developed by Colchester Public Schools (CPS) staff. The anticipated presentation dates to the BOE and anticipated funding sources of each curriculum are as follows:

- PreSchool: Anticipated December presentation to BOE. Funding from ESSER3/ARPA Grant.
- Music Curriculum: Anticipated April presentation to BOE. Funding from Curriculum Implementation line in the 22/23 budget.
- Writing Curriculum: Anticipated May presentation to BOE. Funds supporting this curriculum will be budgeted for in the 23/24 Curriculum Implementation budget.

CURRICULUM PHASE: IMPLEMENTATION

- Math
    - CES has implemented iReady, an assessment tool that provides faculty with the necessary information to individualize instruction for students.
    - JJIS teachers are receiving professional development from Exemplars mathematics in the design and implementation of rigorous math tasks. The funding source is the Title I grant.
    - WJJMS is developing rigorous mathematical tasks and continues to prepare grade 8 students for the transition to Math 1 at Bacon Academy.
    - BA teachers are working with professional development partners WestEd to develop units and assessments for the new Math 1 course. The funding source is the Title I grant.
- English Language Arts
    - CT General Statute Section 10-14ii requires the Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success at the CT Department of Education, in consultation with the Reading Leadership Implementation Council, to review and approve at least five reading curricula/programs for public-school districts to implement in the 2023–24 school year. CPS implemented one of the approved programs, Wonders 2020, in the fall of 2021 in grades K-2. **CPS plans to implement**

Wonders 2020 in grade 3 in the fall of 2023. Funds for this curriculum will be included in the ESSER2 and ARPA grant.

CURRICULUM PHASE: MONITOR AND ADJUST

- Science:
    - Curriculum teams are meeting by building to review instructional units and develop benchmark assessments.
    - Elementary faculty will receive training in the use of StemScopes, the K-9 online instructional resource for science.
    - Bacon Academy science teachers are entering their second year of instructional coaching provided by the CT Science Center. The funding source is the Title II grant.
- Career Technical Education, Visual Literacy, and World Language curriculum teams will meet in the late winter to review the impact of their curriculum on student learning outcomes.

CURRICULUM PHASE: REVIEW

- It is anticipated that the review and development of the School Counseling curriculum will begin in the spring of 2023.
- The review and development of the Social Studies curriculum will begin in the summer of 2023. CPS will include in the social studies curriculum the statutory requirements outlined in Public Act No. 21-2, requiring the inclusion of Native American studies, as well as the requirements outlined in Public Act No. 22-80, requiring the integration of Asian American and Pacific Islander studies.